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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

RE: PCT/US00/05458
International Filing Date: 03/02/00
Priority Date Claimed: 03/02/99
Applicant: Kawaguchi et al.
Title: NONSLUDGING ZINC PHOSPHATING COMPOSITION AND PROCESS
Applicants' Reference: M6712 HST/NI PCT/US

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:
Prior to substantive examination of the above-referenced application, please enter the following
Amendments.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 1, after the title, insert the following starting on a new line:

--This application claims priority from Japanese application H11-54834, filed March 2, 1999, and
International application PCT/US00/05458 (published in English), filed March 2, 2000.--

Page 12 (Replacement Page 12, as submitted on 1 May 2000 to the USPTO acting as the
Receiving Office in the International application from which this application claims priority), amend line
1 to read as follows:

What is claimed is:

FOR FEEDBACK

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